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BOOK NOTICES.

The Law of Collateral Attack on Judicial Proceedings. By Hon. John M. Vanfleet, of the Indiana Circuit Court. Callaghan & Co., 1892:

It is indeed strange that so important a branch of the law as collateral attack has never before been the subject of a special treatise. The work which Judge Vanfleet has just completed is therefore of particular interest and value. His treatment of the subject is clear, logical and exhaustive. All the cases have been examined and there is no attempt to reconcile conflicting authorities. The author is particularly free in criticism and has attempted to determine the true rule in all cases of conflict or doubt. The advantage of careful study of the subject in all its features, by so good an authority, insures the soundness of such criticism. A special feature is the arrangement of the work in alphabetical order and as nearly as possible like an encyclopædia. This together with the general index furnishes a quick and ready view of the contents. The care which characterizes the whole work is evidenced by its excellent appearance, the typography and binding being all that could be desired.

Patentable Invention. By Edward S. Renwick. Lawyer's Coöperative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y., 1893.

In this little book the author does not attempt to go at large into details, but simply presents, from the standpoint of the practical mechanic and expert, the main principles which determine the patentability of new inventions. Simplicity and conciseness are the main features of the work, but the citations are sufficiently numerous to point out the way to fuller investigation if the case demands. The book will be useful to the student as well as the practicing lawyer, and should be in every library.